

HOW WASHABLE FROCK COCKS ARE TO BE MADE.

WASHABLE GOWNS.

Occupation for Nimble Fingers During Quiet Lenten Days.

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Advance models for the gowns to be made of washable materials are welcome at this season. Many women find the Lenten days a good time to do much of the necessary sewing, and to know in detail what the modes of a coming season are, indeed, of assistance.

Sketches on this page show just how fetching are the styles of the gowns. The gowns and blouses have a very attractive tailor style. It will be noticed that the skirts and jackets of these gowns follow the lines of spring fashions in color, one of the very smartest models has a skirt laid in pleats that are gathered down almost the length of the skirt, the bottom being allowed to flare. The jacket has square-cut revers of black velvet that are overlaid with a heavy white lace. These revers are adjustable, so they must be removed when the dress is intended for a formal occasion.

A dear little model that will do for either a white or colored muslin, is a short skirt, trimmed at the bottom with several narrow ruffles, with tucks run about them. A very exceptional yoke comes down over the top of the arms, and is finished by a full that crosses over at the front, giving a rich effect. The front of the bodice is slightly tucked and draped across in simple style. Very becoming indeed would a frock built along these lines be to a tall and slender figure.

Dotted muslins are going to have a great vogue. A simple but effective little dotted frock is here illustrated.

There is no doubt about the comfort being well liked with the dotted gown. The straight waistline and the full skirt are good advantages. A narrow velvet belt, with ends that cross at the front and are drawn through a silver or gold shawl, is no doubt, the favorite style of the day. This gives a satisfactory line to the waist, allowing the desired length at the front.

A number of the cotton gowns, button up the back. This is a nice feature for young persons, but the air is too juvenile to be generally accepted. Modeling frocks of white-checked muslin are very pretty made with deep flounces, set on with a band of French embroidery. The embroidery has no cut-out or overwork about it, but is heavily worked in dots of leaf and bud pattern. The bodices of the white muslins are made in plain shirtwaist style, with bands of the embroidery let in and down the front and plain back. A stock and collar of colored ribbon will be worn with them, or a white linen collar with a little trim of black velvet ribbon and a belt of the same.

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THE LATEST HOSIERY.

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There are some interesting facts about stockings that the seamstress may know now. Under the white stripes and gowns of that sort delicately colored lawn or batiste skirts will be worn. This gives a very dainty and fascinating touch of color when the skirt is lifted a trifle. A Parisian novelty is a white plique lace gown lined throughout with bright red mull. With lawns of colored grounds petticoats of plain lawn in the shade of the ground work of the frock are just the correct thing. White lawn petticoats, with heretofore frills, are going to be much more worn with wash dresses than either lace or embroidered trimmed ones. The hem-stitched ruffling can be bought by the yard.

The frocks here illustrated show all the main points that give the new gowns their stylish appearance. Out of a large number these were selected as being representative.

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For Salad Dressing.

Many persons prefer to dress their own salad because they have preferences as to quantity in the ingredients. Men and women both often prefer themselves upon their skill in this matter, and it is better to humor them. If a hostess prefers to make her own dressing—and it is better in the case of celery and cabbage salads—here is the best recipe. Thoroughly mix a mixture of a teaspoonful of salt, one-eighth teaspoonful of pepper, three tablespoonfuls of oil

and one tablespoonful of vinegar. This can be placed in a bottle and kept in the refrigerator until ready for use. Sometimes a